Cabrets in Delhi Hotels

4021. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of restaurants and hotels in Delhi having licences for cabarets;

(b) the number of restaurants and hotels that are having cabarets on the "stay" order issued by the Court; and

(c) whether the Government propose to take action to stop such cabarets going in the name of "stay" order issued by the Court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) (a) The Delhi Police has issued licences to one hotel and two restaurants to hold floor shows.

(b) and (c) There are two restaurants which are holding floor shows on the basis of the order of the court that they may not be prosecuted till their applications for the grant of licences to hold floor shows are decided. Directions have been issued to the Delhi Police for the expeditious disposal of their applications.

[Translation]

Identity Cards to Persons Living in Border Districts of North Eastern States

4022. SHRI KESRI LAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to issue identity cards to the persons living in the border districts of the North Eastern States on Bangladesh border; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It has been decided to implement a scheme of issuing identity cards in the States of Mizoram, Tripura and Dhubri district of Assam. Funds have been provided and guidelines given to the State Governments this year for taking up the scheme. Preliminary work in this regard has already started.

Speed Post Service in Uttar Pradesh

4023 SHRI KESRI LAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the districts in Uttar Pradesh where speed post service is available at present;

(b) whether the speed post service proved economically viable in Kanpur; and

(c) if so, the average yearly income earned by the Government from this service since its inception in Kanpur?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) Speed post service is available in following cities/towns.

(i) *Under National Network*

Kanpur, Agra, Lucknow, Meerut, Varanasi, Allahabad, Gorakhpur, Moradabad.

(ii) *Under Point to Point Service*

Lucknow, Mussoori, Bareilly, Dehradun, Nainital, Mathura, Jhansi, Aligarh, Saharanpur.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The average yearly income earned is Rs. 12 lakhs approximately.

[English]

Irrigation Projects in Orissa Affected by Inter-State Water Disputes

4024. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of irrigation projects in Orissa affected due to inter-state water disputes; and

(b) the irrigation and hydro-electric potential of those projects projects-wise?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No irrigation project of Orissa is held up due to inter-state water dispute.

(b) Does not arise.